(b) whether most of the States returned 1/3 of their grants unutilised for the past two years;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has decided to ramp up its monitoring efforts for full utilisation of the funds;

(d) whether Budget allocation has also been increased; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps taken for implementation of both the schemes during the current years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Madam.

(c) Monitoring systems are already in place for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Schemes.

(d) The budget allocation including the North East Region component for SSA has increased from Rs 7800 crores in 2005-06 to Rs. 11000 crores in 2006-07 and for the Mid-Day Meal Scheme from Rs. 3345.26 crore in 2005-06 to Rs. 5348 crore in 2006-07.

(e) In both programmes the Government of India has ensured the early and timely sanctions of the Annual Work Plans & Budgets of the States/Union Territories (UTs)/districts for 2006-07. This provides States/ UTs ample time for proper implementation.

Recognition of certificates and degrees of Madarsas

†3071. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to grant recognition to certificates and degrees given by Madarsas being run in the country by Muslim institutions;

(b) the scheme of Central/State Governments for inspection, regulation and control on such Madarsas; and

(c) the scheme to ensure that the curriculum of these Madarsas is secular and not fanaticism-oriented?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

University for Muslim Educational Institutions

3072. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been submitted by Government of Karnataka for setting up of a separate university for the development of educational institutions set up the Muslims;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed Muslim University will be named after Tipu Sultan;

(c) whether Government has planned to set up the proposed University at Devanahalli, the birth place of Tipu Sultan; and

(d) by when the proposal would be approved by the University Grants Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) State legislatures are competent to establish universities and no approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) is required for the purpose.

Modernisation of Madarsas

†3073. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government under Modernization of Madarsa Education and Reform Scheme;

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